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**TO: CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP) PROGRAM PROVIDERS**

**SUBJECT: INFANTS AND THE GATEWAY PROCESS**

The Children's Medical Services Branch (CMS) is making modifications to the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Gateway pre-enrollment process that will allow the Gateway transaction to identify and "deem" certain infants under one year of age as eligible for ongoing, full scope, no cost Medi-Cal at the time of a CHDP Health Assessment.

Infants born to mothers who had Medi-Cal coverage at the time of delivery and lived with the mother during the month of birth are automatically deemed eligible for full-scope, no cost Medi-Cal throughout the first year of life as long as they continue to live with their mothers in California. This also applies to infants whose mothers were enrolled in a Medi-Cal Managed Care plan, as well as those who had, and met, their Medi-Cal Share of Cost (SOC) at the time of the infant's birth. Deemed eligibility is presently established through local county welfare departments. However, the Gateway process is being changed so that, in addition to providing temporary Medi-Cal benefits to eligible children through California's presumptive eligibility program as it does now, the Gateway will also identify and establish deemed eligibility for qualifying infants throughout their first year of life as long as they live in California with their mothers.

Until the Gateway system modifications are completed and in place, we encourage you to advise the parents of infants who come in for a Health Assessment and who don't already have Medi-Cal coverage to contact their county eligibility worker so that their infants can be evaluated for deemed eligibility Medi-Cal coverage. You or the parents could also complete a Newborn Referral Form and forward the form to the county welfare department at the appropriate address or facsimile number listed on the back of the form. These forms can be accessed at the CHDP website at [www.dhs.ca.gov/chdp](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/chdp)

If you have any questions, please contact your local CHDP program.

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